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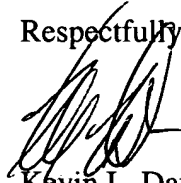
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restriction

Responsive to this restriction, Applicants hereby elect without traverse Group I claims 1-18. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application at a later date capturing the subject matter recited in non-elected Group II claims 19-20. If the Examiner has any questions, comments or suggestions, the undersigned attorney earnestly requests a telephone conference.

No fees are required for filing this amendment; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Conley, Rose & Tayon, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5298-03500/KLD.

Respectfully submitted,



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